

Spring 2023 - Tentative Course Schedule
EDST 4113 Advanced Educational Studies: Informal and Outdoor Education

Tuesday - 2:00 - 4:45

- **Field Trips will take place from 2:30 – 4:15 to accommodate travel time**

Week 1

Tuesday, January 17

Topic 1: Introduction to the course

Topic 2: The many faces of informal education PP

Reading Assignment: Golding, et. al (2009). Informal learning: A discussion around defining and researching its breath and importance

Assignment for next week - YouTube Introduction Assignment - (25points - Due Monday, January 23)

Future Assignment – Interview – Preliminary Information Due – Feb 7, Final Paper Due – March 14

- Resource – How to plan and conduct and interview

Week 2

Tuesday, January 24

Topic: Benefits and disadvantages of informal and outdoor education: Global perspectives

Reading Assignment: Last Child in the Woods - Part One – the new relationship between children and nature

Assignment: Reading Reflection – Part One – Due Jan. 31

Week 3

Tuesday, January 31

Topic 1: Book Discussion - Last Child in the Woods – Part One

Topic 2: Funding proposals

- (Form groups for writing the funding proposal/Brainstorm ideas)
 - Develop a project
 - Research possible grants

Assignment: Writing a funding proposal – Due April 25

Week 4

Tuesday, February 7

Field Trip: Shiloh Museum of Ozark History – 118 W. Johnson Avenue, Springdale, AR

Reading Assignment: Last Child in the Woods - Part Two – why the young – and the rest of us need nature

Assignment: Reading Reflection – Part Two – Due Feb. 14

Assignment: Field Trip Reflection

Week 5

Tuesday, February 14

Topic 1: Book Discussion - Last Child in the Woods – Part Two

Topic 2: Learning through local landscapes/Place-based learning

Week 6

Tuesday, February 21

Topic 1: Harnessing curiosity & encouraging wonder- addressing the needs of various audiences – children and adults, teachers

Topic 2: Lesson planning

- Suitable activities
- Pedagogy for teaching outdoors
- Instructional approaches
- Supervision and classroom management outdoors

Reading Assignment: Last Child in the Woods - Part Three – the best of intentions: why Johnny and Jeanie don't play outside

Assignment: Reading Reflection – Part Two – Due March 7

Week 7

Tuesday, February 28

Guest Speakers – Sophia Stephenson and Trish Ouei - Project WET (Water Education Today)

Week 8

Tuesday, March 7

Book Discussion - Last Child in the Woods – Part Three

Topic: Using informal settings to teach across the curriculum

Week 9

Tuesday, March 14

Grant Funding Proposal – Development

Due: Informal Educator Interview

Week 10 – Spring Break

Week 11

Tuesday, March 28

Field Trip: Mt. Kessler Environmental Education - 1725 S. Smokehouse Lane, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Assignment: Field Trip Reflection

Reading Assignment: Last Child in the Woods – Part Four – the nature-child reunion

Assignment: Reading Reflection – Due April 4

Week 12

Tuesday, April 4

Guest Speaker: Rob Beadel – Project Learning Tree

Assignment: Project Learning Tree – Unit Outline – Due April 25

Book Discussion - Last Child in the Woods – Part Four

Informal/Outdoor Lessons

Sustainability and community building

- Treading lightly
- Building community partnerships
- Advocating for outdoor education

Reading Assignment: Last Child in the Woods – Part Five – the jungle blackboard

Assignment: Reading Reflection – Due April 18

Week 13

Tuesday, April 11

Field Trip: Ozark Highlands Nature Center (Springdale) – Steven Dunlap – 479-409-5243

Assignment: Field Trip Reflection

Week 14

Tuesday, April 18

Book Discussion - Last Child in the Woods – Part Five

Informal/Outdoor Lessons

Reading Assignment: Last Child in the Woods – Part Six – wonder land: opening the fourth frontier

Assignment: Reading Reflection – Due April 25

Week 15

Tuesday, April 25

Book Discussion - Last Child in the Woods – Part Six

Informal/Outdoor Lessons

Developing responsibility in students & planning for teaching in the outdoors

- Risk management plan
- Addressing fears and phobias

Due: Project Learning Tree – Unit Outline – Due April 4

Reading Assignment: Last Child in the Woods – Part Seven – to be amazed

Assignment: Reading Reflection – Due May 2

Week 16

Tuesday, May 2

Book Discussion - Last Child in the Woods – Part Seven

Informal/Outdoor Lessons

The future of OE

- Developing an action plan
- Organizations that support outdoor education and informal education

May 5 – Dead Day

Final Exam – Thursday, May 11 – 12:45 – 2:45pm - Funding Proposal Presentations